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Minutes of Allentown EAC Meeting held August 11, 2014

Allentown City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Start time: 5:15 p.m.

Allentown EAC members present: Randy Fey, Tinku Khanwalkar

Tinku Khanwalkar called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Tinku moved to approved the minutes of the June 9th and July 14th EAC meetings, seconded by Randy Fey. **APPROVED.**

Review of Land Development Plans: Randy Fey reported that he had talked the director of the Allentown Planning Commission about the Allentown EAC's desire to review new development plans in order for the EAC to provide advice on whether appropriate plants have been included in the plan. Concerns were expressed that this could delay the Planning Commission in processing applications and that such review falls outside the EAC's jurisdiction. Tinku Khanwalkar pointed out that Article 177.04, Section 7 of the Ordinance establishing the Allentown EAC (Ordinance No. 14566) clearly includes the following among the Allentown EAC's power and duties: "Review subdivision and land development plans as appropriate". After discussion of how the Allentown EAC can fulfill this duty without being a burden on the Planning Commission, Tinku Khanwalkar made the following motion which was seconded by Randy Fey and **APPROVED:**

"In light of the Allentown EAC's duty to review land development plans as appropriate under Article 177.04 of Ordinance No. 14566, and to ensure that such review does not impede the Planning Commission's ability to fulfill its duties, the Allentown City representative on the EAC should, as soon as practicable, provide to the EAC members a copy of any development plan filed with the Planning Commission. The EAC's review shall be focused on invasive species and the EAC shall promptly provide its advice to the Planning Commission to take into consideration in the Planning Commission's review of the plan."

EAC Entry in Adventure Allentown: The ½ page entry for Adventure Allentown was not available for review at the meeting. However, as the contents had been sufficiently discussed, the consensus was that no further EAC review and approval is needed. Carolyn Albright should submit it to John Mikowychok for inclusion in the upcoming publication.

Energy Efficiency: Tinku reported back on PPL's energy use tool. It is only available for residential customers. She also talked to the Mayor about ways that the City could lead efforts to increase awareness and commitment to energy efficiency, especially in light of the numerous steps the City has already taken on energy efficiency. Randy Fey suggested that a brochure could be developed on all that the City has done and could possibly be handed out at large events like Lights in the Parkway. Tinku agreed to review this concept with Mike Moore.

Environmental Inventories: Tinku reported that she asked the Mayor about environmental inventories. The Mayor informed her that there are several such inventories and that he will check with Lauren Giguere about it. Randy Fey suggested that baseline assessments should perhaps be performed before

all the new development in the City is in place. Tinku noted that various environmental assessments would likely have been required for any state permits already and we could perhaps begin with a review of those assessments, but questioned how the EAC would be able to devote the needed resources for this. Further discussion on the subject is needed.

EPA Order on Sewage Overflows: Tinku reported on her conversations with the Mayor and John Hall (counsel retained by the City) regarding EPA's order requiring the City and upstream municipalities to take measures to prevent sewage overflows during major storm events. The order requires the measures to be successfully implemented by the end of this year. Based on the discussion with John Hall, Tinku suggested waiting until December to see how EPA reacts to the measures that have been taken before the EAC delves further into the matter.

Randy Fey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tinku Khanwalkar and **APPROVED**. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.